[Mr. Joseph John]

to 1950. According to that forcast in the year 1120, we should have had a maximum demand of 22,000 K. W.—a figure which would easily have been attained if we were able to get the plant and machinery for building up the load. Based on the above forecast, Government sanctioned the installation of one additional generating set of 7,500 K.W. and the necessary equipment and an order was placed as early as 1941. The order was placed in the United Kingdom. The political horizon was then black, and the Government of Britain did not give permit for the manufacture of any equipment which was not directly connected with the prosecution of war. The Government of India who had to support our application for this set, were not fully aware of the conditions necessitating the need for additional plant here. They thought it was only for building up the natural load, and therefore we did not get the support that we should have got from the Government of India. As His Majesty's Government vetoed the application for sanction for issue of permit, the contracts settled in 1941 had to be cancelled. This Government then approached the Government of India and made persistent demands for increasing the capacity at Pallivasal. The Electrical Commissioner with the Government of India paid us a visit about 2½ years ago to familiarise himself with the exact conditions here and to ascertain if our demand for this additional plant capacity was genuine or not. He was fully convinced of our need and became one of our strong protagonists. He pressed to His Majesty's Government the need for enlarging the capacity at Pallivasal not only to cater to the needs of the food requirements but also to enable more aluminium to be produced as well as other materials required for the prosecution of the war. These negotiations naturally took some time, and last year, the Government of Britain sanctioned the manufacture of one generating set of 7,500 K. W. one pipe-line, and they have all been manufactured by now. In fact, 60 per cent. of the third pipeline is already at Pallivasal, and the fourth generating set has been manufactured and is on test. It is expected that this set will be commissioned before the end of 1945. That means we will get another 7,500 K. W. The Government of Madras, are selling us 3,000 K. W. from Papanasam. As soon as a line from Kundara to Shencottah is completed, we will get 3,000 K. W. and 7,500 K. W. on the completion of the 4th generating set. But this is not sufficient to meet our requirements and on further request to His Majesty's Government, they sanctioned the manufacture of two more generating sets for the Pallivasal Power House, each of 7,500 K. W. Although they sanctioned the two generating sets sometime ago, the sanction for the manufacture of the pipe-line to supply water for these machines was not given at that time. This was accorded only towards the end of last year, that is, 1944, after the budget was presented to this House. If we had not taken advantage of the offer and placed orders immediately we would have lost the priority not only for the manufacture but the priority for transport to India and the supply of technical personnel to erect a plant here. Therefore, this Government took the opportunity

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and placed an order for the fourth pipe-line immediately. The manufacture of the fourth pipe-line is accordingly in hand and payment has got to be made immediately. In fact, a portion of the advance has already been made, and that was done by diverting the amount from the 22 lakhs of rupees sanctioned for the civil works.

The House is aware that there was a misunderstanding over the right of use of the Periyar waters for Hydro Electric purposes between this Government and the Madras Government. That has been going on for a fairly long time and recently, our case was presented by Sir C. P. Ramaswami Aiyar and decided in our favour by the arbitrator.

At a conference held at Madras recently, it was decided that the investigation for the development of Periyar scheme should be taken up by Travancore and the Madras Government jointly. The Madras Government have a ready embarked on their investigation and it is necessary for us to carry out an investigation to see to what extent we can develop power as a joint development at Periyar. If we do not know exactly, and to what extent we can develop economically, we will not be in a position to demand our rights. So, it is necessary that we should carry out a thorough investigation as to the possibility and probabilities of power development at Periyar. This work has got to be done almost immediately. An amount of Rs. 3 lakhs is required for this. The balance of Rs. 6 lakhs is required on account of the higher turn over that we should expect on the pipe-line and the dams which we are constructing for storage of water for hydro-electric purposes. The issue of large quantities of cement and things like that have enabled us to maintain a better constructive programme, than anticipated, so that those works would be completed earlier. That accounts for Rs. 20 lakhs.

The sum of Rs. 160 is for the appointment of an additional clerk in the Trivandrum Electric Supply to look after the consumers' section. It is found very necessary that one clerk is appointed for every 500 consumers. On account of the scarcity of kerosene oil and the release of large quantities of wires and other Electrical materials, the actual number of consumers increased since the last budget is more than the anticipated number and the need for an additional clerk to look after the work in connection with this increase is keenly felt. If this is not done, the invoicing will be delayed and consequently there will be much difficulty in the keeping of proper accounts.

MR. P. S. NATARAJA PILLAI: May I ask the honourable member what amount is set apart for the purchase of machinery?

MR. P. JOSEPH JOHN: Rs. 11 lakhs.

MR. P. S. NATARAJA PILLAI: What is the amount set apart for investigation?

MR. P. JOSEPH JOHN: Rs. 3 lakhs.

The question that a sum of Rs. 20,00,160 under Demand II — Electricity and Telephone, was put to vote and carried.

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DEMAND III—PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT INCLUDING WATER WORKS AND DRAINAGE.

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKITAKRISHNAN: Sir, I move for a grant of

(i) For the construction of a godown at Quilon—Rs. 1,27,000.

(ii) For the maintenance of Trivandrum Drainage—Rs. 20,000.

(iii) For the reconstruction of the collapsed bridge at 2/4 Northern Outlet road—Rs. 39,360.

Sir, in moving this, I want to explain the need for this grant. We know that a large quantity of foodgrains has been allotted to Travancore recently and that we have had to expand the storage capacity considerably. Instead of going in for temporary godowns which has been the practice hitherto, Government have decided that it would be an advantage to construct godowns which are of a more permanent nature. This estimate, valued at Rs. 1,52,000, was sanctioned after the budget session. Out of this Rs. 25,000 was reallotted from out of the reserve left with then Chief Engineer and the balance of Rs. 1,27,000 is now asked for.

The second item is with regard to the Drainage system of Trivandrum. A portion of the Drainage Scheme has been completed and brought into use. In order to enable the scheme to be run in efficient manner and in order to maintain the system properly a sum of Rs. 20,000 is considered necessary. A portion of the establishment that was employed on construction has been abolished, the budget provided for the abolition but did not provide for the maintenance. The maintenance was foreseen only later.

As regards the third item, the amount is required for the reconstruction of the bridge on the Northern outlet road, on the route from Munnar to Udamalpet. The bridge collapsed about 18 months ago due to very heavy floods. Immediately after that we obtained permission of the K. D. H. P. Company to use their bridge as a temporary measure until this bridge could be reconstructed. There was some delay in deciding the location of the bridge. A decision was arrived at only very recently and work has since been started. The application now is for Rs. 39,360 for renovating that bridge on one of the main outlet roads in Travancore.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: It is said on the floor of the House that an amount of Rs. 23,000 was reserved with the Chief Engineer and that it was diverted for the construction of the godown at Quilon. May I know for what purpose it was reserved by the Chief Engineer?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKITAKRISHNAN: Generally in applying for grants for various works such as the laying out of roads, construction of bridges, irrigation works etc., it is not possible to forecast very accurately. A small reserve is therefore left with the Chief Engineer to meet any emergency and it was such a reserve amount that was allotted for the purpose.

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MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: May I know whether any amount was reserved with the Chief Engineer for improving the ryots' road in the State?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKITAKRISHNAN: That amount also includes provision for improving ryots' road to the extent possible.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: May I know whether any substitution has been made for that amount?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKITAKRISHNAN: No.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: May I know from the Chief Engineer how that work has to be carried out?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKITAKRISHNAN: There are grants for all sanctioned roads.

MR PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: We were assured by Government that a considerable number of ryots' roads would be taken up for improvement during the current year.

PRESIDENT: Order, order. Did not the honourable member hear the statement made by the Chief Engineer? It was taken out of a reserved amount. There were certain grants made for the improvements of ryots' roads. The amount that was diverted could have been utilised for village roads if it was quite essential at that period. If honourable members want that the village roads should require special attention, Government will certainly consider the matter.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: May I know from the honourable member what the facts and circumstances were that led to the supplementary grant? Why was it not considered nor anticipated at the time of the preparation of the budget for the current year?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKITAKRISHNAN: More food stuffs were allotted only later.

MR. K. A. MATHEW: Why did not the Government foresee the quantity of foodgrains that were expected?

PRESIDENT: We had constructed a certain number of godowns and were also commandeering a number of houses, shops, store-houses and various other places to serve as receptacles for grains. We found that there was a lot of wastage, damage by insect pests and so forth. The Government of India sent one or two experts to investigate that matter. One of those experts was a gentleman called Dr. Coyne who came here and spent some time on inspection. He suggested that as far as possible godowns of a particular type, which he explained, should be built and that we should not use the existing sheds or houses hereafter. As we were very largely dependent upon the Government of India for foodgrains and upon the standards that were maintained by them in regard to storage, we had to consent to build more godowns of the type suggested. In addition the Government of India have also suggested the building of a large number of bins roughly of the type which was in vogue during the time of Asoka and which are still in existence and which were used for storing grains in those days. Evidently humanity had lost sight of the utility of these bins until quite recently. But now the Government of India

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have come to the conclusion that these bins might be of some use. Specimens of these bins are found in the Tanjore and Trichinopoly districts even now and also in other parts of India—especially in Bihar. So we are now practically setting out on a problem which was not anticipated before, namely, the building of a large number of store-houses and godowns. It may be asked why we should build such godowns especially when the war is likely to end soon. But let me say this. It is generally computed both by the Government of India and this Government that the present crisis in the matter of grain, even if Burma were to be reconquered the day after tomorrow, will last for three to five years more. That is the position.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: I would not have raised this question with regard to this matter. I would like to have the matter cleared, because the Chief Engineer gave me a reply to the effect that an amount of Rs. 23,000 which was earmarked for improving the ryots' roads, was diverted for the construction of a godown at Quilon. It can be seen from the budget that no specific amount is allotted for improving any particular ryots' roads. It is only a lump sum provision for reserve with the Chief Engineer. Now, we are told that this sum was utilised for the construction of a godown at Quilon. But I do not propose to question the necessity for this godown. But the unauthorised diversion of the amount earmarked for improving the ryots' roads for the purpose of constructing a godown at Quilon will cause great inconvenience and difficulty to the general public in as much as the amount is taken away and no substitution is made for the purpose for which such amount was originally intended.

PRESIDENT: The honourable member no doubt remembers that. A programme for the construction and improvement of village roads will be fixed very shortly. A three year programme will meet the needs of the situation.

MR. K. K. CHELLAPPAN PILLAI: Are there no other godowns in the State?

RAJYASEVAPRAVINA G. PARAMESWARAN PILLAI: There are godowns in Alleppey, Quilon and Trivandrum.

MR. P. S. NATARAJA PILLAI: I wish to speak a few words on this demand. The second item is for the maintenance of the Trivandrum Drainage. A supplementary grant must necessarily be for a need which arises during the course of that year. The Drainage scheme has been in existence for the last ten years or more. Year after year they were making provisions in the budget and surrenders at the end of the year. If you look through the pages of the budget, for the past few years, you will find that Drainage and Electricity are the two departments which surrender large amounts out of their budget provisions. These departments should have known at the time of framing the budget when a particular work could be completed. My point is that this department—the Drainage branch of the P. W. D.—has

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been working without a scheme. They should have known earlier if they had a definite scheme of work what further amount would be necessary for the maintenance of the work. Maintenance is not a new item of work. If they had proper control over expenditure, they could have known when the work will be completed and when the maintenance will be necessary. They could have with ordinary foresight included this amount in budget. Not having done that, to come in the middle of the year and ask for a supplementary grant of Rs. 20,000 without giving details which this House is entitled to have, is not satisfactory. What is the expense they are going to incur? What staff are they going to provide for? Without giving such information what is the idea of asking for a lump sum allotment? It is not a new service which came into existence during the course of this year. The Department has been spending lakhs of rupees for a long time, but they did not know where they were. On these grounds I oppose the demand.

MR. P. S. MAHOMMED (*Nominated*): സർ, കൊല്ലത്ത് ഒരു ഗോഡൌൺ കെട്ടിക്കുന്നതിലേക്ക് ഫ,ന്ധൻ,൪ ൦ ൦ രൂപ ആവശ്യപ്പെട്ടിരിക്കുന്നു. കൊല്ലത്ത് ഒരു ഗോഡൌൺ ഉണ്ടാകേണ്ടതു അത്യാവശ്യമാണു. ഇന്നത്തെ പരിതഃസ്ഥിതികൾ വച്ചു നോക്കുമ്പോൾ ഗവണ്മെൻറു വരുത്തിക്കൊണ്ടിരിക്കുന്ന അരി കുറെക്കാലത്തേക്കുകൂടി സൂക്ഷിക്കേണ്ടതിലേക്ക് എന്തെങ്കിലും ഏർപ്പാടുകൾ ചെയ്യേണ്ടതു് ആവശ്യമാണു്. എന്നാൽ ഇപ്പോൾ ഉണ്ടാക്കുന്ന കെട്ടിടങ്ങൾ യുദ്ധം കഴിഞ്ഞതിനുശേഷവും കച്ചവടക്കാരുടെ ഉപയോഗത്തിനു പര്യാപ്തമാക്കിത്തീർക്കത്തക്കവിധം അതു കെട്ടിക്കേണ്ടതാണു്. അങ്ങനെ ചെയ്താൽ അവരിൽനിന്നു വാടകയായും മറ്റും വരവുകൾ ലഭിക്കുന്നതിനും സൗകര്യം ഉണ്ടാകും. ഒരുലക്ഷത്തി മുപ്പത്തൊൻപതിനായിരം രൂപ ചെലവു ചെയ്തു ഒരു കെട്ടിടം കെട്ടിയിട്ട് അൻപതു രൂപയൊ അറുപതു രൂപയൊ മാത്രം കൂലി കിട്ടത്തക്കനിലയിൽ അതിനെ നിർത്തുന്നതുകൊണ്ടു ഒരിക്കലും ശരിയല്ല. ഇതേ സംഖ്യകൊണ്ടു പല സ്ഥലങ്ങളിലായി കെട്ടിടങ്ങൾ കെട്ടിയാൽ യുദ്ധം കഴിഞ്ഞതിനുശേഷവും അതുകൾ ഉപയോഗിക്കപ്പെടുവാൻ സാധിക്കും. ഇപ്പോൾ ഭക്ഷണസാധനങ്ങൾ സൂക്ഷിക്കുകയും ചെയ്യാം. ഈ കാര്യംകൂടി ഗവണ്മെൻറിന്റെ ശ്രദ്ധയിൽ പെടേണ്ടതാണു്.

MR. P. O. THOMAS: The construction of a godown at Quilon was pointed out as an urgent necessity. The P. W. Department has moved for the grant of a lakh and 3 thousand Rupees. From the experience that we have of this Department regarding the expenditure for the works already allotted in the Budget, I consider that the entrusting of this work to this Department is not going to serve the need as

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[Mr. P. O. Thomas.]

urgently as we would like. We have stated again and again that the working of this Department is so deplorable. So I would request you, Sir, to entrust this to some other body, a Special Officer may be asked to take this up.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: May I know from the honourable member whether he is aware that the construction of the building is almost complete.

MR. P. O. THOMAS: Then I consider that the moving of this supplementary grant is unnecessary. As it is, from the experience that we have about the working of this Department I again state that it is not to be entrusted to this Department which is not at all realising its responsibilities, for huge amounts are allotted in the Budget. And we see very little progress. As was submitted in the Budget Session, this Department is not at all taking a sympathetic view regarding the several works allotted to them. It is not imaginative enough to move with the times and to see that the works which are most useful to the public are done as expediently as possible. Therefore, although I approve of the sanction of this amount I suggest that this work be entrusted to a Special Officer.

PRESIDENT: From the Public Works Department or some other Department?

MR. P. O. THOMAS: I would even suggest that the head of the administration may exercise his discretion and appoint a Special Officer from another Department.

MR. A. P. UDAYABHANU: I oppose the demand. I don't know why the Chief Engineer has developed a solicitude for this out of the way high range bridge when there are in my constituency bridges that have fallen the very next day they were built and left so for all these years. There are ryots' roads built out of the precious little holdings of the peasant which are left without culverts or maintenance. There are very many village roads in my constituency like the Thamarakulam road, the Vallikadu Road etc. which have been neglected. When these roads have been neglected for years together I would like to know why there should be repair made so urgently to a bridge in the High Ranges used probably by a few people. At the same time the ryots' roads in thickly populated places are neglected. The urgency of such matters had not been felt by the Department. On this ground I oppose the demand.

MR. S. SANKARANARAYANAN TAMPI (*Karunagapally* cum *Kartikapally*): I support the opposition of my friend Mr. Udayabhanu. Let me not be misunderstood as proposing impracticable propositions and opposing for opposition's sake. I oppose just to ventilate a few grievances that the local ryots have in the matter of want of proper ryots' roads. As referred to by Mr. Udayabhanu, the road at Champakadavu.....

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: By referring to the Ruling from the Chair at paragraphs 650 and 656 it is seen that discussions for or against a grant should relate to points at issue and not to questions which have no bearing to the discussion on the floor of the House.

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PRESIDENT : The demand is (1) for the construction of a godown at Quilon, (2) for the maintenance of the Trivandrum Drainage, and (3) for the reconstruction of the collapsed bridge at Munnar. The ruling referred to is this :

> "In connection with supplementary Demands, I have to draw the attention of the House to the fact that the discussion for or against are to be confined to points which are related or which are at issue. I cannot allow the Honourable Members to discuss on questions which have no bearing on the Demand now before the House."

I have no objection to your saying anything in regard to these points.

MR. S. SANKARANARAYANAN TAMPI: Here is a motion for a grant of nearly two lakhs of rupees comprising of three items which I suppose, could not be contemplated when the Budget session was on. My point is that this grant cannot be allowed because more important works than the construction of this bridge lie over for the consideration of Government. I oppose the grant just to point out the necessity for paying more attention to the construction of roads in the village parts and for urging upon Government to bestow more attention on the irrigation in local areas. So, I think I have made the point clear.

This Champakadavu road was one which could be constructed by local labour. There certain local people prepared a memorial and sent it to the Division Engineer. The reply got was that there was no such road existing at all and that there was no necessity for a road as referred to by the people at all. Still the people sent another reminder and then the Department remembered that there was such a road. Then they sent a reply to the people saying that the money on the road was already spent up and that some lands would have to be surrendered free of compensation etc. There again the department...

PRESIDENT : Order, order. The honourable gentleman was so ingenious that I think he has got round the ruling. Therefore I allowed him to speak on the lines which he has already commenced, because his argument could be justified thus : that we do not propose to allow any money for these three items so long as Government has been neglectful with regard to certain other items, and the neglect of those items could be illustrated as the general neglect of Government. As a punishment for it, these items will not be sanctioned. That was a very ingenious way and I allowed the honourable member to go on. But I think the honourable member is going too far and I hope he will realise the ambit of his arguments. All that I am anxious about is this. You can oppose this grant on the ground that a Government which has been neglectful to particulars A, B & C should not be given the grant. That is perfectly legitimate. Therefore to the extent that you are enforcing upon such considerations you are entitled to take as much time as you need.

MR. S. SANKARANARAYANAN TAMPI : I have travelled through that road very recently and throughout there is a width of more than 25 feet. Now the communication that was received from Government was to the effect that more money has to be spent on the road because more lands have to be acquired.

PRESIDENT : Was this matter taken up before the Public Works Advisory Committee ?

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MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: It was not, Sir.

PRESIDENT: I don't want to interrupt the honourable members. But I may say that it was just to prevent instances of this type that the Public Works Advisory Committee was set up. Honourable members may have even worse instances of the neglect on the part of Government which they may not have time to bring forth. But if these are catalogued and the Public Works Advisory Committee prepares a certain rota according to the importance of each item I think it would be a more satisfactory arrangement. I would invite the honourable member to do that. Not that there is no responsibility on the part of the department. The things are as the honourable member says there is something wrong some where. But if these matters are placed before the Public Works Advisory Committee I think it would definitely be better and if the department does not take directions from the Committee as to the order of the inception of the works, then there is time enough to criticise it.

MR. S. SANKARANARAYANAN TAMPI: I wish to submit that whenever the ryots construct roads and surrender them to Government, Government should imperatively give immediate consideration to it.

MR. K. A. MATHEW: I wish to associate myself with the previous speakers in pointing out that when very important works are left uncared for, it is a pity Government should propose to spend a big amount for a road in the High Ranges. For instance in regard to my constituency of Thiruvella it was brought to the notice of Government time and again the urgent necessity of taking up a large number of ryots' roads still to be completed. But no attention has yet been paid to it. When these roads are left unfinished, we do not understand why the Government should be so very solicitous in the case of a road in a sparsely populated region. We naturally begin to feel that Government have not the sense of urgency to give people what they most urgently need. I object to this demand because Government are not bestowing the attention which is due to the roads in more needy localities. If the amount set apart for ryots' road is proposed to be diverted for this purpose I certainly will have to register my protest. I would request the Chief Engineer to finish these roads before he turns his attention to the bridge at Munnar.

MR. CHAZHIKATTU JOSEPH (*Minachil* cum *Thodupuzha*): യാതൊരു പ്രയോജനവും നല്ല പ്രകാരത്തിലും വന്നിട്ടുള്ള ഇപ്പോഴത്തെ പുതിയ ചീഫ് എൻജിനീയർ അവർകൾ അടിയന്തരമായി ആവശ്യപ്പെട്ടതനുസരിച്ചുകൂടാ എന്നു പറയുന്നതിനു ഞാൻ ഒരുങ്ങുന്നില്ല. എന്നാലും അനുവദിക്കുന്ന കാര്യത്തിൽ ഒന്നുരണ്ടു അഭിപ്രായങ്ങൾ ഉണ്ടായിരിക്കണമെന്നു വിചാരിക്കുന്നു. ഈ പാലം നന്നാക്കുന്നതിനായിട്ടു പോടുപുഴിരിക്കുന്ന പണം കഴിഞ്ഞ ബഡ്ജറ്റ് സെഷനുശേഷം കേട്ടവന്ന ഒരു പാലം നന്നാക്കുന്നതിനാണെങ്കിൽ അതു അനുവദിക്കുന്നതിൽ തരക്കേടില്ല. തിരുവനന്തപുരത്തെ ഡ്രെയിനേജിനുവേണ്ടി കൊള്ളിച്ചിട്ടുള്ള സംഖ്യ കൊണ്ടു സാധാരണ രീതിയിലെങ്കിലും മതിയാകുമെന്നുണ്ടെങ്കിൽ കൂടുത

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ലായിട്ട വേണമെന്നുള്ള അഭ്യർത്ഥന അനുചിതമായിട്ടുള്ളതാണ്. മറെറാരു സംഗതി പറയാനുള്ളതു് ഒന്നേകാൽ ലക്ഷം രൂപയുടെ ആവശ്യം പറഞ്ഞിരിക്കുന്നതു് കൊല്ലത്തു ഗോഡൗൺ കെട്ടുന്നതിനാണ്. ഇപ്പോഠം ഗോഡൌണുകളിലാണല്ലൊ ഭക്ഷണസാധനങ്ങൾ സൂക്ഷിച്ചിരിക്കുന്നതു്. ആ സ്ഥിതിക്കു് ഇനിയും പുത്തനായിട്ടു ഗോഡൗൺ വേണമെന്നുള്ള നിർബന്ധം..... ....

PRESIDENT : The building is practically completed.

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENITAKRISHNAN : Except for a bit of flooring.

MR. CHAZHIKATTU JOSEPH : പുത്തനായിട്ടു പണം അനുവദിക്കാൻ പോകുന്നു എന്നുള്ള ധാരണയിലാണ് ഞാൻ പറഞ്ഞതു്. ഏതായാലും എനിക്കു് പുതിയ ചീഫ് എൻജിനീയരുടെ ശ്രദ്ധയിൽ കൊണ്ടുവരാനുള്ള ഒരു സംഗതി, കൊല്ലംതോറും അനുവദിക്കുന്ന പണം മുഴുവനും ചെലവാക്കാതെ ധാരാളം പണം ഇതിനു മുമ്പു് ലാപ്സാക്കിക്കളഞ്ഞിട്ടുണ്ടു്. എന്നാൽ ഇനിമേലെങ്കിലും ഈ ഒരു നയം തുടരാൻ ഇടയാക്കാതെ അതായതു്, അനുവദിക്കുന്ന പണത്തിൽനിന്നുള്ള ഒരു കാശുപോലും ചീഫ് എഞ്ചിനീയർ ലാപ്സാകാൻ സമ്മതിക്കാതെ മുഴുവൻ സംഖ്യയും ഇവിടത്തെ പൊതുജനങ്ങളുടെ ആവശ്യത്തിനു് വേണ്ടതായ പാലം, റോഡുകൾ മുതലായവയ്ക്കു് ചെലവാക്കണമെന്നും ഈ കാര്യങ്ങളിൽ പുതിയ ചീഫ് എൻജിനീയരുടെ കർമ്മകുശലതയും ഭരണനൈപുണ്യവും ഒന്നു പരീക്ഷിച്ചുനോക്കണമെന്നും എനിക്കു് അഭിപ്രായമുണ്ടു്. പുതിയ ചീഫ് എൻജിനീയർ വളരെ സമർത്ഥനെന്നു ദിവാൻജി അവർകൾ പറയുന്നതുകേട്ടു. ആ സംഗതി ശരിയൊയെന്നു പരീക്ഷിച്ചറിയേണ്ടതാണു, അതിനാൽ കെട്ടിടങ്ങൾക്കും റോഡുകൾ, പാലങ്ങൾ മുതലായവ നന്നാക്കുന്നതിനും മറ്റുമുള്ള എസ്റ്റിമേറുകൾ തയാറാക്കുന്ന കാര്യത്തിലും ഡിപ്പാർട്ടുമെൻറുമേധാവിയും അദ്ധ്യക്ഷൻ അവർകളും വേണ്ടതു ശ്രദ്ധ പതിപ്പിക്കണമെന്നു് ഒന്നുകൂടെ അഭ്യർത്ഥിച്ചുകൊള്ളുന്നു. എന്നാലും ഇതു് ആദ്യമായി ചോദിച്ച ഒരു സംഖ്യയായതുകൊണ്ടു് അനുവദിക്കാമെന്നാണു് എന്റെ അഭിപ്രായം.

MR. K. K. CHELLAPPAN PILLAI : I rise to a point of order. In rule 77 paragraph 3, it is stated that supplementary grants for additional estimates shall be dealt with by the Assembly and Council in the same way as if they were demands for grants. Therefore I just wish to point out that we are within our limits when we discuss anything with regard to the grant.

PRESIDENT : Order, order. I have to refer the honourable member to the ruling from the Chair which is in pursuance of the Ruling in

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[President.]

the House of Commons and in the Central Assembly. So far as supplemental demands are concerned, the procedure is one of voting. What is laid down in the Ruling is based on the principle of *staree decis is* which will have to be upheld.

MR. K. K CHELLAPPAN PILLAI: Will the Government.....

PRESIDENT: As I said in answer to another honourable member from the same side of the House, it is open to them to oppose this grant; to object to any grant being made to Government, either for the construction of a godown at Quilon or the maintenance of the Trivandrum Drainage or the reconstruction of the collapsed bridge at Munnar, as was done by some of the honourable members. Take the last speaker for instance. He said that so long as general negligence in regard to matters which have been dealt with by this House and voted upon, has been manifested by Government, these grants will not be made. That is perfectly legitimate. But the honourable member cannot take particular works A, B, C or D and go into the details of it. You may say that because a road in Thiruvalla has not been constructed, it shows that the department is not fit to be granted this Rs. 20,000. You can argue that way.

MR. K. K. CHELLAPPAN PILLAI: Yes. The Chief Engineer has not stated that the bridge collapsed after the last session of the Assembly.

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKITAKRISHNAN: The bridge collapsed about 18 months ago.

MR. K. K. CHELLAPPAN PILLAI: Therefore, before the last session of the Assembly it was in a collapsible or collapsed condition and if the department had been alert certainly they could have moved for the grant and obtained the allotment with the sanction of this Assembly. I therefore say that they have no right to ask for it now. Such demands for supplementary grants especially in the case of the Public Works department, show only the ineptitude and want of responsibility to the needs of the people in the P. W. D. authorities. In my constituency, and in all parts of the State for that matter, if you just go round, you will see that the roads are maintained in a very bad condition. The high officers of the Government travel on the main roads and do not travel through what I call these "peoples roads" and they do not understand how these ryots and poor people suffer. It is not in a fit of exaggeration that I say this. I see round me the suffering of the people. Only in this connection do I object to the grant.

PRESIDENT: I do not understand what you say about peoples' roads.

MR. K. K. CHELLAPPAN PILLAI: I said, what I call peoples' roads. Main roads are officers' roads because they travel through them alone; roads which are not main roads I call "peoples roads."

With regard to the second grant, maintenance of the Trivandrum Drainage, as my friend Mr. Nataraja Pillai has pointed out, the necessity for a supplementary grant is sufficient indication of the way in which these works are supervised by the high officers of the department. I suggest that the new Chief Engineer takes the matter in his hands

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very seriously and sees that the grants do not lapse as they now do, and then another demand for grant is brought in at the next session and so again *ad infinitum*, With these remarks I object to the grant.

MR. P. K. KURIAKOSE (*Muvattupuzha* cum *Devicolam*): സർ, ഞാൻ ഈ ഡിമാൻറിനെ അനുകൂലിക്കുന്നു. പുതിയ ചീഫ് ഇഞ്ചിനീയർ അവർകൾ ഇപ്പോൾ കൂടുതലായി ആവശ്യപ്പെട്ടിരിക്കുന്നതു് ഫ,വ്യസ്,സന്യ ൦ രൂപയാണു്. അതിൽ ഫ,ഫ ൬,൦൦൦ രൂപാ ഗോഡൗൺസ് പണിയുന്നതിനു് ഉപയോഗിക്കുന്നതിലേക്കാണു്. ഗോഡൗൺസു് പണിയിക്കേണ്ടതു് എത്രയും അത്യാവശ്യമായിട്ടുള്ള സംഗതിയാണു്. ഇപ്പോൾ കിട്ടുന്ന ധാന്യങ്ങൾ ശരിയായി സൂക്ഷിക്കാത്തതിനാൽ അവ നാശപ്പെട്ടു് ഉപയോഗശൂന്യമായ നിലയിലാണു് ജനങ്ങൾക്കു് കിട്ടിവരുന്നതു്. അതിനാൽ ഇപ്പോൾ പണിനടത്തിവരുന്ന ഗോഡൗൺസുകളുടെ ബാക്കിയുള്ള പണികൾകൂടി കഴിയുന്നതും വേഗത്തിൽ തീർക്കേണ്ടതു് അത്യാവശ്യമായ ഒരു കാര്യമാണു്. അതിനാൽ ഈ തുക അനുവദിക്കുന്നതിൽ മടിക്കേണ്ട കാര്യമില്ല. ഉടനെ പണി തീർത്തുമേലാൽ വരുന്ന ധാന്യങ്ങളെങ്കിലും കേടുകൂടാതെ സൂക്ഷിക്കുന്നതിനുവേണ്ട സൗകര്യം ചെയ്യേണ്ടതാണു്. അടുത്തതായി ആവശ്യപ്പെട്ടിരിക്കുന്നതു് തിരുവനന്തപുരം ഡ്രയിനേജു് വകക്കായി ൫ ൦,൦൦൦ രൂപയാണു്. ഈ വകക്കു് ധാരാളം പണം ചിലവുചെയ്തിട്ടുണ്ടു്. കഴിഞ്ഞ ബഡ്ജറിലും ഒരു വലിയ തുക ഇതിലേക്കു് അനുവദിച്ചിട്ടുണ്ടു്. ആ തുകകൊണ്ടു പണി പൂർത്തിയാക്കാൻ മതിയാകാതെ വന്നതിനാലാണു് ഇരുപതിനായിരം രൂപാകൂടി കൂടുതലായി ആവശ്യപ്പെടുന്നതു്. അതുകൊണ്ടു് അതും അനുവദിക്കേണ്ടതാണു്. മൂന്നാമതായി ഒരു പ്രധാനപ്പെട്ട റോഡിൽ കേടുവന്നു കിടക്കുന്ന ഒരു പാലത്തിന്റെ പണിക്കായി സ൯,സന്യ൯ രൂപയാണു് ആവശ്യപ്പെട്ടിരിക്കുന്നതു്. അതു് എവിടെയുള്ള റോഡിലാണെന്നു് നോക്കേണ്ടതാണു്. ആ റോഡു് കൂടാതെ അവിടെ മറ്റു സഞ്ചാരസൗകര്യങ്ങൾ ഉണ്ടോ എന്നും നോക്കണം.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: ഇതു് എവിടെയുള്ള റോഡിലാണെന്നു് ബഹുമാനപ്പെട്ട മെംബർക്കറിയാമോ?

MR P. K. KURIAKOSE: മൂന്നാറിൽ നിന്നും വടക്കോട്ടു് പോകുന്ന റോഡിലാണെന്നാണു് എനിക്കു തോന്നുന്നതു്. അങ്ങോട്ടുള്ള സഞ്ചാരത്തിനു് ഈ ഒരു റോഡേയുള്ളൂ. ആ പാലം നന്നാക്കാത്തപക്ഷം അതുവഴിയുള്ള ഗതാഗതംതന്നെ തടഞ്ഞുപോകുന്നതാണു്. ആ പാലത്തിന്റെ പണി നടന്നുകൊണ്ടിരിക്കുകയാണു്. പണി പൂർത്തിയാക്കാൻ അനുവദിച്ചിട്ടുള്ളിടത്തോളം തുകകൊണ്ടു മതിയാകാതെവന്നതുകൊണ്ടായിരിക്കാം കൂടുതൽ തുക ആവശ്യപ്പെടുന്നതു്.

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MR. K. R. NARAYANAN (*Nominated*): ഈ പാലത്തിന്റെ പണി ആരംഭിച്ചതു് എന്നാണെന്നു് ബഹുമാനപ്പെട്ട മെംബർക്കറിയാമോ ?

MR. P. K. KURIAKOSE : എന്നാണെന്നു് പറയത്തക്കവണ്ണം നിശ്ചയമില്ല.

MR. K. R. NARAYANAN : മൂന്നു കൊല്ലത്തിൽ കൂടുതലായിട്ടുണ്ടെന്നു് ബഹുമാനപ്പെട്ട മെംബർക്കറിയാമോ ?

MR. P. K. KURIAKOSE : ആയിരിക്കാം.

MR. K. K. CHELLAPPAN PILLAI : ഈ പണി നടത്തിത്തുടങ്ങിയതു് ആരാണെന്നറിയാമോ ?

MR P. K. KURIAKOSE : അതു് ആരായാലും പണി നടക്കുന്നതായി ഞാൻ തന്നെ കണ്ടിട്ടുണ്ടു്.

MR. K. A. MATHEW : അന്നു് ആ പണി ശരിപ്പെടുത്താത്തതു് എന്തുകൊണ്ടാണു് ?

MR. P. K. KURIAKOSE : അന്നു് അതിലേക്കു അനുവദിച്ചിട്ടുള്ള തുക പോരാത്തെ വന്നതുകൊണ്ടായിരിക്കാം പൂർത്തിയാക്കാതിരുന്നതു്. ഇപ്പോൾ പണി പൂർത്തിയാക്കുന്നതിനാണു് കൂടുതൽ തുക ആവശ്യപ്പെട്ടിരിക്കുന്നതു്. മറ്റുള്ള സ്ഥലങ്ങളിലാണെങ്കിൽ ഒരു റോഡിൽ ഒരു പാലം കേടുവന്നുപോയാൽ മറേതെങ്കിലും റോഡിൽക്കൂടി പോകാൻ സാധിക്കും. ഈ ഔട്ട്‌ലറു് റോഡിൽ ഈ പാലം ശരിപ്പെടുത്താതിരുന്നാൽ ഗതാഗതത്തിനു് മറു വഴിയില്ല. അതിനാൽ ഈ പാലം ഉടനെ നന്നാക്കേണ്ടതു് എന്തുകൊണ്ടും ആവശ്യമാണു്.

MR. C. K. SANKARA PILLAI (*Thiruvella*) : മുൻപു് അനുവദിച്ചിട്ടുള്ള തുകകൊണ്ടു് അത്യാവശ്യങ്ങൾക്കു് ചിലവു ചെയ്യേണ്ടതല്ലേ ?

MR. P. K. KURIAKOSE : ഇപ്പോൾ ആവശ്യപ്പെടുന്നതു് ഇതിൻ മുൻപു് അനുവദിച്ചിരിക്കുന്ന തുകയിൽ നിന്നും കൊടുക്കാനല്ല. ഓരോരോ ആവശ്യങ്ങൾക്കു് അനുവദിച്ചിരിക്കുന്ന തുകകൊണ്ടു് അത്യാവശ്യങ്ങൾക്കു വേണ്ടി ചെലവുചെയ്യേണ്ടതാണു്. ഇപ്പോൾ ഇതു് കൂടുതലായിട്ടാണു് ആവശ്യപ്പെട്ടിരിക്കുന്നതു്. ഈ തുക അനുവദിക്കുകതന്നെ ചെയ്യണം. അതുപോലെതന്നെ ഗോഡൗൺസിനുവേണ്ടി ആവശ്യപ്പെടുന്ന തുകയും ധാന്യങ്ങൾ ചീത്തയായിപ്പോകാതെ സൂക്ഷിക്കുന്നതിനുവേണ്ടിയാണു്. അതിനാൽ അതും അനുവദിക്കേണ്ടതാണു്.

MR. K. R. NARAYANAN : ഈ പാലത്തിന്റെ പണിക്കു് എസ്റ്റിമേറു തയ്യാറാക്കിയിട്ടുള്ളതു് ഏതു ഷെഡ്യൂൾ അനുസരിച്ചാണെന്നു പറയാൻ മന്ത്രിയുണ്ടാകുമോ ?

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PRESIDENT: I thought the honourable member had finished and all these new remarks arise out of a chance question by another honourable member.

MR. K. R. NARAYANAN: He was asking question and I was answering him.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: Sir, the Chief Engineer is not in possession of the House just at the present moment.

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKITAKRISHNAN: The estimate is based on the schedule of 1120 which is 75 per cent over and above the schedule of 1118.

MR. K. R. NARAYANAN: Is it over and above the 11 chs.? ഫ ചക്രമായിരുന്നു. അതിന്റെ ഒ@ ശതമാനംകൂടിയതാണോ ഇന്നത്തെ റേറ്റ് ?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKITAKRISHNAN: The present wage is nearly 14 as. to a Rupee.

MR. K. R. NARAYANAN: ഈ വക്ക് പി. ഡബ്ലിയു. ഡി. അഡ്വൈസറി ബോർഡിന്റെ ശ്രദ്ധയിൽ കൊണ്ടുവരാതിരിക്കുവാൻ വല്ല കാരണവും ഉണ്ടോ ?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKITAKRISHNAN: The P. W. D. Advisory Board met sometime in December and the decision was taken up in January. It will be brought up in the next meeting.

MR. K. R. NARAYANAN: ഈ പാലത്തിന് കേടുവന്നത് ഫവ്വ മാസങ്ങൾക്കു മുൻപാണെന്നു പറയുന്നു. കഴിഞ്ഞ മാസത്തിലും അഡ്വൈസറി ബോർഡ് കൂടിയിരുന്നു. ആ ബോർഡിലെങ്കിലും ഈ വേലകൊണ്ടുവരാതിരുന്നത് എന്തുകൊണ്ടാണ് ?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKITAKRISHNAN: The decision with regard to the location of the bridge, the actual place where it is to be put up, could not be taken till now. It was actually fixed by me at the end of January.

MR. CHAZHIKKATTU JOSEPH: പി. ഡബ്ലിയു. ഡി. ബോർഡ് റെക്കമെൻറ് ചെയ്യാത്ത ഒരു വേലയാണോ ഇപ്പോൾ ആവശ്യപ്പെട്ടത് ?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKITAKRISHNAN: It is only a reconstruction of the old bridge which has fallen away. It is not anticipated that they would object to it.

MR. CHAZHIKATT JOSEPH: അഡ്വൈസറി ബോർഡ് റെക്കമെൻറ് ചെയ്തിട്ടുള്ള അനവധി റോഡുകളും പാലങ്ങളും മറ്റും പി. ഡബ്ലിയു. ഡിപ്പാർട്ടുമെൻറിൽനിന്ന് പണി പൂർത്തിയാക്കാതെ ഇട്ടിരിക്കുന്നതായി ബഹുമാനപ്പെട്ട മെംബർക്ക് അറിയാമോ ?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKITAKRISHNAN: Well there seems to be some misapprehension .....

MR. K. R. NARAYANAN: Sir, I have not finished. I was going to speak.....

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PRESIDENT: Speaking and not "going to speak" is a frame of mind and a psychological fact which I can take notice of, but in the meantime some honourable member has taken possession of the House.

MR. CHAZHIKATTU JOSEPH: സർ, പി. ഡബ്ളിയു. ഡി. അഡ്വൈസറി ബോർഡ് എന്നൊന്നു വച്ചിരിക്കുകയും.....

PRESIDENT: Order, order. In as much as it has been stated that this matter has not been taken before the P. W. D. Advisory Committee, I would ask the Chief Engineer to place it before the next meeting. This unfortunate bridge has collapsed 18 months ago and one more month would not probably make catastrophic results.

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKITAKRISHNAN: Except the fact that by the time we get the money we would not be able to get any work done.

PRESIDENT: Then the P. W. D. Advisory Committee may be arranged to be held in the course of the next fortnight.

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKITAKRISHNAN: Yes, Sir.

PRESIDENT: I think the Chief Engineer has now agreed not to take that portion *i. e.*, item (iii) of Demand III for supplementary grants until the P. W. D. Advisory Committee has met, which will be shortly, say within two weeks.

MR. CHAZHIKATTU JOSEPH: പി. ഡബ്ളിയു. ഡി. അഡ്വൈസറി ബോർഡ് റെക്കമെൻറു ചെയ്യുന്ന റോഡു കളുടേയും പാലങ്ങളുടേയും മറ്റും പണികൾ ചെയ്യാതെ വെറുതെ ഇട്ടേയ്ക്കുകയും, ബോർഡു റെക്കമെൻറു ചെയ്തിട്ടില്ലാത്ത പണികൾ ആരംഭിക്കുകയും ചെയ്യുന്നതു് ശരിയാണോ?

PRESIDENT: Order, order. The honourable member is repeating in a different form the same argument which has already been very successfully and vehemently put forward by him in his previous speech.

MR. E. K. MADHAVAN (*Kunnathkulam Parur*): സർ, ഈ ഡിമാൻറിലെ രണ്ടും മൂന്നും ഭാഗങ്ങളെ ഞാൻ ശക്തിയായി എതിർക്കുന്നു. തിരുവിതാംകൂറിൻെറ വടക്കേ അറ്റത്തുള്ള കുന്നത്തുനാടു് പർവ്വൂർ മുതലായ താലൂക്കുകളിലെ സാധുജനങ്ങൾക്കു് നടക്കത്തക്കവണ്ണമുള്ള പലേ റോഡുകളും പാലങ്ങളും അറ്റകുറ്റങ്ങൾ തീർക്കാതെ വളരെ കഷ്ടസ്ഥിതിയിൽ കിടക്കുമ്പോൾ തിരുവനന്തപുരം പട്ടണത്തിലെ മാത്രം തെരുവുകളുടെ ആരോഗ്യത്തെ സംരക്ഷിക്കുന്നതിനായി ഉതകുന്നതെയിന്നു പലേതിക്കായി ആവശ്യപ്പെട്ടുന്ന രണ്ടു ലക്ഷം രൂപയുടെ അല്ല, ൨ ൦ ൦ ൦ രൂപായുടെ ഡിമാൻറിനെ ഞാൻ എതിർക്കുകയാണു് ചെയ്യുന്നതു്. വടക്കൻ തിരുവിതാംകൂറിലുള്ള രണ്ടോ മൂന്നോ വലിയ പാലങ്ങൾ ഒഴിച്ചു് മറ്റൊറ പാലമെങ്കിലും മനുഷ്യസഞ്ചാരയോഗ്യമായിട്ടില്ല ഇരിക്കുന്നതെന്നു തീർത്തുപറഞ്ഞുകൊള്ളട്ടെ. ഇമ്മാതിരിയുള്ള അനേക പാല

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ങ്കും പറവൂർ, കുന്നത്തുനാട് താലൂക്കിലുള്ളതുകൊണ്ട് ഈ നിയോജക മണ്ഡലത്തെ പ്രതിനിധീകരിക്കുന്ന രണ്ടു മെംബറന്മാരും ഞാനും ഒരുമിച്ച് അലുവാ എക്സിക്യൂട്ടീവ് എൻജിനീയരെ കണ്ട് പത്തും ഇരുപതും മുപ്പതും രൂപാ മാത്രം ചെലവുചെയ്ത് ജനങ്ങൾക്ക് സൗകര്യം ഉണ്ടാക്കിക്കൊടുക്കാവുന്ന പലേ പണികളെപ്പറ്റിയും അദ്ദേഹത്തെ ധരിപ്പിച്ചിട്ടും അദ്ദേഹം ഇതുവരെ യാതൊന്നുംതന്നെ ചെയ്തതെ ഇട്ടിരിക്കുകയാണ്. പറവൂർ-വരാപ്പുഴ റോഡിലുള്ള ചെറിയപ്പിള്ളിയിൽ ഒരു ചങ്ങാടം അഞ്ചു ദിവസംവരെ വെള്ളത്തിൽ മുങ്ങിക്കിടന്നിട്ട് യാതൊരന്വേഷണവും ചെയ്തില്ല. ഒരു ദിവസം കഴിഞ്ഞാണ് അതുദ്യോഗസ്ഥയുള്ള അഞ്ചൽ സർവീസുതന്നെയും നടക്കുകയും ആളുകൾക്ക് ഗതാഗതത്തിന് സൗകര്യം ലഭിക്കുകയും ചെയ്തിട്ടുള്ളതു്. ഇങ്ങനെയുള്ള അനാസ്ഥ വടക്കൻതാലൂക്കുകളോട് കാണിക്കുമ്പോൾ ഈ കടയിനേജ് പദ്ധതിക്കായുള്ള തുക അനുവദിക്കേണ്ടയാവശ്യമില്ലെന്നാണ് ഞാൻ പറയുന്നതു്. അതുകൊണ്ട് കടയിനേജിനു വേണ്ടെന്നല്ല എന്റെ അഭിപ്രായം. കടന്നുപോകുമ്പോൾ ഉരുണ്ടുചീഞ്ഞ് പല്ല പോകത്തക്കവിധത്തിലുള്ള പാലങ്ങളുടേയും, ആളുകൾക്ക് നടക്കുന്നതിനുതന്നെയും വിഷമമായിട്ടുള്ള റോഡുകളുടെയും ശോചനീയസ്ഥിതിയെ കാണിക്കുന്നതിനുവേണ്ടിയാണ് ഞാൻ ഇതിനെ എതിർക്കുന്നതു്. മൂന്നാമതായി പണം ആവശ്യപ്പെടുന്നതു് ഒന്നരകോല്ലത്തിന് മുമ്പ് കേടുവന്ന ഒരു പാലം നന്നാക്കുന്ന കാര്യത്തിലാണ്. നാലോ അഞ്ചോ കൊല്ലങ്ങൾക്കുമുമ്പ് കേടുവിന്നുകിടക്കുന്ന അനവധി പാലങ്ങൾ വടക്കൻ താലൂക്കിലുള്ളപ്പോൾ അവയെ വിസ്മരിച്ചിട്ട് അതിലേക്ക് പണം അനുവദിക്കുന്നതു ശരിയല്ല. മുൻപേ മുൻപേ കേടുവന്ന പാലങ്ങൾ ആദ്യമാദ്യം ശരിപ്പെടുത്തത്തക്കവണ്ണം ഒരു പദ്ധതി സ്വീകരിക്കുകയും അതിലേക്കായി പണം അനുവദിക്കുകയും ചെയ്യണമെന്നാണ് എനിക്കു പറയുവാനുള്ളതു്.

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKITAKRISHNAN: Sir, there seems to be a misapprehension about the diversion of the reserve with the Chief Engineer. It was intended as reserve for the village roads. There was a sum of 17,15,000 rupees for the maintenance of roads, making new roads, completing incomplete roads. Out of this, 1,30,000 rupees is a reserve with the Chief Engineer for works and maintenance when the other grant has been spent out. It is not a reserve for specific relief, like reserve for ryots' roads etc. There need be, no misapprehension that some money which has been reserved for ryots' roads etc. has been taken away.

As regards the second item, *viz.*, maintenance of Trivandrum Drainage, it was suggested that the possibility of this expenditure should have been fore-seen. But we made a mistake and possibly somebody left it out.

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